

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am strongly opposed to the trend of having fewer and fewer individuals gain ownership over our media outlets. This sharply reduces the amount of diversity seen in the news coverage and entertainment programming. Here in Pittsburgh, I see the three network news stations run parallel stories, none of which show varying viewpoints from the other. As a result, I'm receiving my news solely from independent outlets, such as IndyMedia and The Guardian (a prominent UK website). I fear that if the ownership laws are further loosened, this trend will worsen, and our news will become more homogenized.